



***GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION &
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5514 "An Act Concerning the Department of Motor Vehicles and Automatic Voter Registration"

The bill would provide automatic voter registration of an individual that is not registered to vote while they are undergoing a transaction at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or other state agencies designated by the Secretary of the State.

While CCM understands the intent of the proposal, the requirements may become difficult to implement by local registrar of voters.

Currently, the DMV already collects voter registration information, however there has not been a reliable mechanism to provide local officials with this information. In particular, local registrar of voters do not have the technology to implement this type of a system. If implemented, this would likely require the acquisition of new technology which could be an added expense on towns and cities.

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